

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's Amendment filed on 8/10/2009 has been entered with amended claims 12. In this Office Action, claims 1-25 are pending.

Reasons for allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
 - Prior art of record does not teach or suggest or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations as recited in independent claims 1, 12 and 20. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest in combination of claimed elements including "inserting a new access rule into an access control list for enforcing policies and permissions for controlling access to various network sources, the list configured to contain independent rule blocks having ordered access rules" and "if the list is empty, creating a new independent rule block and inserting the new access rule therein" as recited in independent claims 1, 12 and 20.
 - Applicants arguments and Applicant's interview version stated as "As to claims 12-19, even though these are apparatus claims that each have a preamble explicitly limited to a "system", SPE Rones suggested amending

the body of claim 12 to recite a specific hardware component" (see Remarks Section, page 10, paragraph first).

- Applicant's argument's regarding claims 1, 12 and 20 rejection under U.S.C. 103(a) stated as "the present application recites as 'list configured to contain independent rule blocks having ordered access rules'. The Examiner has not met the above-discussed requirement" (see page 14, paragraph last and page 15, paragraphs first and second). Applicant's arguments are persuasive and agreeable.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sathyanarayan Pannala whose telephone number is (571) 272-4115. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles Rones can be reached on (571) 272-4085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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